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## **Provision Of Total Support For Composite Repair Equipment**

Air Commodities

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Air Commodities

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Provision Of Total Support For Composite Repair Equipment

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 31600000 - Electrical equipment and apparatus

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Repair and maintenance of composite repair equipment

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £850,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Air Commodities Team, in the Defence, Equipment and Support Department of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), is seeking to place a contract for the continued support and purchase of Composite Repair Equipment for 36 Heatcon HCS9200B Dual Zone Hot Bonders.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Cost criterion - Name: N/A / Weighting: N/A

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Extension of the duration of the contract

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

#### Explanation:

The Air Commodities Team, in the Defence, Equipment and Support Department of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), is seeking to place a contract for the continued support and purchase of Composite Repair Equipment for 36 Heatcon HCS9200B Dual Zone Hot Bonders.

The intended length of the contract is five years, with three one-year options. This contract has an estimated value of £850,000 over the eight years. It is the intention of the Authority (the MoD) to place a contract with Heatcon Ltd under regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) Public Contracts Regulations ("PCR") 2015.

The MoD own an existing fleet of Composite Repair Equipment which fulfils the requirement for a portable system that provides the facility to precisely apply, control and document the heat and vacuum required to repair a range of composite materials and adhesive bonding on aircraft structures. The system must have a dual zone capability, with each zone being independent from the other allowing for separate repairs to be achieved simultaneously or to compensate for large areas of heat sink. The system must have the capacity to support various forms of heating devices, i.e. standard heater mat, hot air generators, infrared lamps or ceramic radiant plaques, and must be capable of supporting a minimum of 3 repair heating devices per zone simultaneously.

The requirement for this contract is for maintaining the support of this equipment. This is both through replacing kit as well as repairing and replacing parts as required.

Heatcon are the original designer and manufacturer of both the Hot Bonder and the consumables for that equipment, with consumables being bespoke to the Heatcon bonder. Accordingly, while there are other Composite Repair Equipment providers, their products and consumables are not compatible with and cannot be adapted to the products owned by the Authority. Therefore, Heatcon Ltd are the only provider that can provide the parts or consumables required for the Authority's current Hot Bonder fleet. Furthermore, repairs to any of the equipment must be sent to Heatcon as the repairs will require Heatcon parts which are only available through Heatcon. Consequently, we intend to enter into a negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice for technical reasons under regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) PCR 2015.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

23 June 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

HEATCON Composite Systems (Europe) Limited

Huntingdon

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £800,000

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Air Commodities

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom